

The First Trans-Continental Railroad

Three Cent 1869 Probably First United States Commemorative Postage Stamp To Be Issued

Stamp collectors generally have always accepted the United States Columbian issue as the first Commemorative issue of postage stamps. At times there has been some suggestion that the 1869 issue may have been intended as a commemorative issue, yet the thought has never been carried far enough to make this an accepted fact. There is little in the history of our stamps that would lead us to accept this 1869 issue as a commemorative issue except a brief paragraph in the famous Luff

work which reads as follows:
"Purport of the Designs"
"The lower values were intended to be emblematic of the postal progress of the country. The one cent stamp fittingly bore the portrait of Franklin the first Colonial Postmaster General, also the first under the federation of states which became the United States. The two, three and twelve cent stamps illustrated the advance from the postboy on horseback to the facilities afforded by the railway and ocean steamship." The above remarks by Mr. Luff would tend to lead one to believe that there may be, somewhere in

IMPORTANT NEWS First Day Covers

The P. O. Dept again raises heck with plans of cover dealers by the following announcement. The coming Telegraph stamp will also be issued first day from Baltimore, Md. and the Steamer stamp first day from Kings Point, N. Y.

Collectors who ordered through the dealers who advertise in our columns should immediately send those dealers their additional orders for these two points with remittance based on the same prices as charged for the same covers from other points.

These dealers can not get an advertisement to that effect in our columns until next week and that will make the time very short. Kings Point, N. Y. is a branch of the postoffice at Great Neck and Money orders have to be drawn on that city.

PROPOSES STAMP FOR SECRETARY OF NAVY KNOX

Mr. William J. Doemick of Brooklyn, N. Y. has written Postmaster General Frank C. Walker and proposes the issue of a 3c Stamped Envelope in honor of the late secretary of the Navy Frank A. Knox.

Seventy-fifth Anniversary Of Completion Celebrated By Issue Of Historic U. S. Postage Stamp

The publishers are indebted to Mr. Willis E. Potter, Publicity Agent of the Chicago Philatelic Society and an employee of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad, for this story which is prepared and released by the Association of American Railroads of Washington, D. C. The facts are authentic.

The completion of the first transcontinental railroad at Promontory, Utah, on May 10, 1869, was one of the great milestones in railway history. It marked an epoch in national development. It ended the necessity of hazardous journeys "round the Horn" by sailing vessels or across country by stage coach or covered wagon. It was the first of several great railway lines that now span the Rockies and link the Pacific Coast region with the Eastern states.

In 1862, Congress passed and President Lincoln signed the Pacific Railroad Bill which authorized the construction of two railroads—the Union Pacific, extending westward from the Missouri River, and the Central Pacific, extending eastward from California, the two roads to form a continuous rail route to the Pacific Ocean.

The first spade of earth in the construction of the Central Pacific was turned by Governor Leland Stanford of California at San Promontory flashed the second

cramento, with appropriate ceremonies, on January 8, 1863, and construction of the Union Pacific at ground was broken for the con-Omaha, Nebraska, on December 1 of that year.

During the next several years the nation watched with absorbing interest the progress of the most stupendous railway under-

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Mr. Gibson has been known for many years as one of America's great collectors. Collecting since boyhood, he learned long ago to appreciate and to seek the choice and unusual. We believe we will not be accused of overstatement when we say that the collection contains many of the foremost gems of American philately.

We list some of the desirable items, all ON SMALL COVERS:—

1845-5c New York
Horizontal strip four.
A First Day cover.
One with small A. C. M.
One on bluish paper.

1847 Issue
5c strip five with Canada 3d.
5c strip five with 10c to Germany.
5c strip four, black grid.
5c strip four "Steamship."
5c two from Canada.
10c strip six to France with Phila.
R. R.

18c strip three with 5c to Belgium.
10c used from Canada.
10c Steamboat, Hudson River, Way 6.
Paid etc.
10c two splits.

1851 Issue
1c IA tied black N. H.
1c block 6, with 4 others.
1c III black St. Louis.
3c tied "Steamship 10."
5c block five, block four.
5c strips, pairs.
5c singles many towns.
5c fine combinations.
10c all types, combinations.
12c magnificent block.
12c split "Steam Ship."
12c split with 1c, 3c.
12c singles, pair with Hawaii.

1857 Issue
1c IA tied Mobile.
1c IA with 1c, IV, 3c.
1c cracked plate.
1c III tied Boston.
1c IIIA strip three.
1c IV two strips.
1c V block 6, corner envelope illustrated.
3c pair Thru-the-Lines.
5c brick red, strip three.
5c brick strip with 3c, 12c.
5c red brown two strip on one cover.
5c red brown block four.
5c Indian red pair, strip.
5c orange brown single.
5c orange brown with 10c.
10c strip and combination.
10c I II III seven on 10c Nesbitt.
12c ocean mail.
12c two strips five with 5c brick red.
12c block five with 3c pair.
24c, 1c, 10c Thru-the-Lines.
24c with 1c pair, 3c, 10c.
24c three copies with 1c (3).
24c pair, red cancellation.
24c nine glorious covers.
30c single Boston to China.

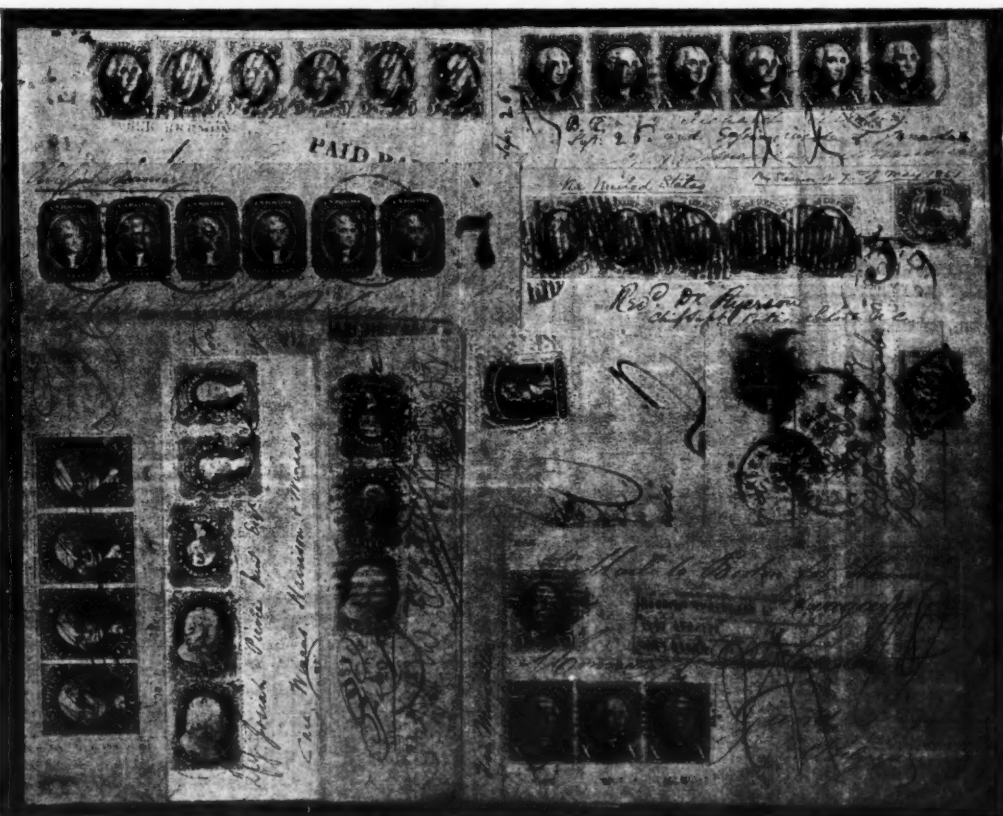
California Items
Pony Express, two covers.
Central Overland, 4 covers.
Hinkley Express on 3c.
British Col.-U. S. Combinations.
Dietz & Nelson—A gem.
Stage Coaches, Choo-choos etc.

FOREIGN COMBINATIONS
U. S. with Hawaii, British Columbia, Canada, C. of G. H., France, Great Britain, India, D. W. L., Mexico, Samoa, Victoria etc.

1861 Issue
10c August with Br. Col. 5c.
10c August, 5c buff, 30c.
10c August pair.
24c August, magnificent color.
3c can. Lincoln thumbing nose.
3c autographed "A. Lincoln."
3c Waterbury, other can.
5c buff singles, pairs.
5c buff, combinations.
24c, 30c Grand lot.
90c with 3, 5, 10c.
90c with 12, 30c.
90c pair with 2, 30c.
90c with 3, 12c.
90c tied Wash., D. C.

1867 Grilled Issue
3c grilled all over.
3c pair 13x16.
2c strip 12x14.
3c 12x14 with 12c.
12c pair "Z" grill.
5c strip with '69 3c pair.
5c, 30c with 1869 1c.
24c with pair 30c.

1869 Issue
1c 18 covers with singles, pairs, strips, combinations.
2c 12 similar covers including a tied split.
3c 30 covers Waterbury, green, red, campaign, combinations, large strips.
6c 15 interesting covers.
10c 20 covers, pair Hiogo, Japan, Steamship, singles, pairs, strip, combinations, etc.
12c singles, pairs, combinations, etc.
15c I II 15 covers combinations, etc.
24c, 10c to Spain.
24c, 15c, 3c from Japan.
30c with France 20c blue.
30c pair, with 6c to India.
30c single New Orleans.
30c, 12c to Saxony.
30c, 12c to Japan.
2c strip 3 with British Columbia.



1869 Issue
10c with France 10c.
10c with France 40c.
10c with Wurttemberg 3c pair, 7c.
12c with G. B. 1d.

Bank Note Issues
1c to 30c all sorts of combinations including a goodly number of the 24c.

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**THE FIRST TRANS-
CONTINENTAL RAILROAD**

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taking the world had yet seen. Encounters with the Indians, the effect of the railroad upon national development, and the many engineering, supply and personal problems involved were widely discussed. As the railheads crept nearer and nearer each other interest in the great enterprise discussed. As the railheads crept mounted to new heights. Finally, came the memorable day when newspaper headlines across the length and breadth of America heralded the completion of the Pacific railroad.

"Ocean Chained to Ocean" . . . "America Does What Others Vainly Tried" . . . "East and West" . . . "Steel Spans the Continent" . . . "Man's Greatest Undertaking Realized" . . . "World's Longest Railroad Finished" were a few of the many headlines.

The morning of May 10 dawned bright and clear in the Utah mountains. Approaching from the west were trains bearing Governor Leland Stanford, Collis P. Huntington, Mark Hopkins and Charles Crocker, of the Central Pacific, and many distinguished Californians, while approaching from the East was a train bearing T. C. Durant, Sidney Dillon, John R. Duff and Silas H. Seymour, of the Union Pacific, and many prominent Easterners, as well as a delegation of Mormons from Salt Lake City.

The National Government was represented by a detachment of "regulars" from Fort Douglass, Utah, accompanied by a band. As soon as the trains had arrived and the passengers had reached the scene, several hundred engineers and workmen employed on the construction gathered around an open space where the tracks were to be joined. Chinese workmen, who were extensively employed on the Central Pacific, laid the last rails from the west, and Irish workmen, who had brought the tracks of the Union Pacific up to Promontory, laid the last rail from the east.

Arizona presented a spike of gold, silver and iron. Nevada presented a spike of silver. The connecting tie was of California laurel, and California presented the last spike—of California gold. (This spike is now owned by the Wells-Fargo Bank in San Francisco).

—Just before noon a telegraph message to Washington announced that the driving of the last spike would be communicated to all the telegraph offices in the United States. The telegraph wires were so connected that each blow of the sledge hammer could be flashed instantly to all parts of the country. This was the first broadcast in the history of instantaneous communication.

Crowds gathered at the telegraph office to receive the news. The Western Union Telegraph Company placed a magnetic ball in a conspicuous position in its Washington office, where all could see, and connected the ball with the main trunk line circuits, notifying telegraph offices throughout the country that everything was in readiness. New York, Boston, New Orleans and other offices immediately answered "Ready."

In San Francisco, wires were connected with the bell in the tower of the fire station so that the news would be broadcast immediately over the city.

Minutes passed, and the crowds waited in eager silence. At 2:27 p. m. came the first message from Promontory.

"Almost ready . . . Hats off . . . Prayer is being offered." A few minutes later the bell tapped again. The operator at message.

"The spike is about to be pre-

sented."

After brief speeches by Governor Stanford and the Chief Engineer of the Union Pacific, the third message was flashed over the wires:

To everybody: Keep quiet.

When the last spike is driven

at Promontory Point we will say 'Done.' Don't break the circuit, but watch for the signals of the blows of the hammer. The spike will soon be driven. The signal will be three dots for the commencement of the blows.

For a moment the instrument was silent, and then to the throngs in telegraph offices came the mystic taps "One . . . Two . . . Three."

Then occurred one of the most dramatic and thrilling incidents in American history—the driving of the golden spike—which was thus described by an eyewitness, General Grenville M. Dodge, chief engineer of the Union Pacific Railroad:

"The spike was given its first blow by President Stanford and Vice-President Durant followed. Neither hit the spike the first time, but hit the rail, and were greeted by the lusty cheers of the onlookers, accompanied by the screams of the locomotives and the music of the military band. Many other spikes were driven on the last rail by some of the distinguished persons present, but it was seldom that they first hit the spike. The original spike, after being tapped by the officials of the companies, was driven home by the chief engineers of the two roads. Then the two trains were run together, the two locomotives touching at the point of junction, and the engineers of the two locomotives each broke a bottle of champagne on the other's engine. Then it was declared that the connection was made, and the Atlantic and Pacific were joined together, never to be parted."

At 2:47 p. m., Promontory flashed the message "D-O-N-E". Immediately afterward came the historic telegram from Stanford, Durant, Dillon and Duff: PROMONTORY SUMMIT, UTAH, MAY 10:—THE LAST RAIL IS LAID! THE LAST SPIKE IS DRIVEN! THE PACIFIC RAILROAD IS COMPLETED! THE POINT OF JUNCTION IS 1,086 MILES WEST OF THE MISSOURI RIVER, AND 690 MILES EAST OF SACRAMENTO CITY.

"Wires in every direction were hot with congratulatory telegrams," wrote General Dodge. Felicitous messages were sent to President Grant and Vice President Colfax. San Francisco, unable to restrain its enthusiasm, had commenced celebrating the event thirty-six hours in advance. Cannons boomed, bells rang and every conceivable instrument was made to contribute its share of noise. Streets and buildings as well as ships in the harbor were gay with flags and bunting. Business was suspended, and the longest procession that San Francisco had ever seen attested the enthusiasm of the people. At night the city was brilliant with illuminations.

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The ringing of bells on Independence Hall and elsewhere in Philadelphia brought out citizens in great numbers to celebrate the event. In many other cities public interest and enthusiasm was expressed in celebrations, parades and speechmaking.

And the West's most beloved bard, Bret Harte, was inspired to write the celebrated poem *What the Engine Said*, commencing with these lines:What was it the Engines said,
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239 30c Columbian	3.50	2.70
240 50c Columbian	4.75	3.75
285 1c Trans-Miss.	.15	.09
286 2c Trans-Miss.	.03	.02
287 4c Trans-Miss.	.05	.03
288 5c Trans-Miss.	.05	.03
289 8c Trans-Miss.	1.50	.90
290 10c Trans-Miss.	.80	.50
291 50c Trans-Miss.	6.00	4.10
294 1c Pan American	.08	.05
295 2c Pan American	.02	.01
296 4c Pan American	.45	.35
297 5c Pan American	.85	.65
298 10c Pan American	1.75	1.20
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"You mean you are hunting for such a common stamp in lots?"

"You bet I am. My collection has now reached the point where what I need costs way up in the pictures and I am diverting myself with Number sixty five—when I can get enough to make it interesting. If you hear of any be sure to let me know won't you."

Assured that we constantly had him in mind the Ancient rambled on.

"You know I never cease regretting that I did not mark my album, under each stamp I turned up, with the place and date. Didn't do so for years but, when a bright friend suggested it, I commenced and now you don't know what a pleasure it is to take either of the books in which I mount my collection, turn up the stamps with my tongs and read the names of long forgotten places, some in the Deep South, many in the West, and well, just all over, where I found that particular stamp and the date. Then, my family gave me stamps as presents and I have those marked 'XMAS, 1921' and 'B. D.' for birthday, 1902'. Not many more of mine will have the birthday inscription but it is a worth while idea.

"Don't forget to put me next to any promising leads for Number sixty five" and grabbing a handful of the cheroots the Old Stamp Hunter disappeared down the Canyon.

Death Of Eugene Klein An Irreparable Loss To American Philately

The sudden and unexpected death of Eugene Klein of Philadelphia as announced in a brief paragraph last week leaves a void in American Philately that will not be filled readily.

Recent letters from Mr. Klein gave no indication of an illness and we have as yet no information as to the cause of his death.

Mr. Klein was such a modest man that we are unable to find much information concerning his many philatelic activities in the modest library we have been able to accumulate in the last couple years.

If memory does not mislead us

we believe Mr. Klein was a native of Austria, just when he came to this country we do not know, but we not that he became a member of the American Philatelic Society a short time before our own membership was taken. Mr. Klein has, for as far back as we can remember been a staunch supporter of the A. P. S., and has for many years past acted as the International Secretary of the Society.

Ten years ago he was instrumental in organizing the American Philatelic Congress which will hold its tenth anniversary meeting in Philadelphia this coming winter.

He has been a leader among the stamp dealers of America, perhaps one of the most qualified stamp men in the country and has in recent years made the selling of stamps at auction a strong feature of his business. His recent disposal of the big Bogert and Burbin stock was one of the big events of his career. Those who knew Mr. Klein best respected him for his many fine qualities and his loss will be mourned by a host of Stamp Collectors both in America and abroad for besides being associated with the leading clubs in America, the Collectors Club of New York, the A. P. S., the S. P. A., etc., he was also a member of the Junior Philatelic Society of London and of the Societe Francaise de Timbrologie, of Paris.

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THAT CHICAGO MATTER

A couple weeks ago we printed an editorial regarding a situation in Chicago that seemed to need some explanation. It appears that some people have misunderstood our remarks and our reason for printing the article.

Some dealers, mostly small fellows who take some things too seriously, have gathered the idea that we were questioning the reliability of the gentleman to whom we referred. Such was not our intention. Our sole object was to clear up the reason as to why mail to and from the gentleman could not be handled in the proper manner. We have been besieged with letters and postal cards from Mr. Kantowicz wanting to know why we do not send our paper or why we do not reply to his letters. We eventually wrote the Postmaster at Chicago and were advised that the brother of this gentleman had requested that no mail be delivered to him, but that it all be returned to the sender. This we considered the wrong way to handle the matter, since if the gentleman was to be permitted to send out letters which were as sane as any letter we can write, then he should be allowed to receive replies. Refusing to let him have replies would do more than any other thing to irritate, worry and break down the mind and mental faculties of a man who is said to be in poor health, than anything we can think of. If someone wanted to drive him to insanity we know of no better way.

We therefore wrote and suggested that the proper thing to do would be to stop his letters from going out in the first place for the worry to him could be no greater and the many letters he sent us and doubtless many others would not then clutter up our mail and worry us as well.

We are now told that the man is in poor health, is a veteran of World War I and that his welfare is being looked after by a brother.

Our suggestion to any and all who receive any letter or card from this prolific writer of letters would be that it be refused, turn it back to the postoffice and let them return it to the writer.

On the other hand, this old gentleman loves his stamps. Certainly among all the stamp societies in Chicago, there must be enough stamp collectors that they can take hold of this situation and see that he has some company, some companionship with collectors and some of the duplicates that you Chicago collectors must have in plenty.

Now we want to say to our readers that this is not an appeal to any of you to send us some stamps to send to him for we can only say that if we attempted such it would lead to more trouble for us since the packets would probably be refused and not accepted, so the only way to pacify this old gentleman will be through personal contact through some big hearted Chicago collector.

3c Win The War On Double Paper

Elmer E. Job of Columbus, Indiana submits a complete sheet of the current 3c Win The War stamp which is an excellent example of the double paper varieties that have been so plentiful in recent months.

This is a complete sheet which is lapped across the second row from the top and sealed with

scotch tape, the doubling runs over the lower part of the second horizontal row. is complete over the third row and over the upper three-quarters of the fourth row with the scotch tape on the back of this row.

This is a very fine example, but a great many such have been found in recent years and thus their value is being reduced with each find. In the mail for the same week a Brooklyn reader also reports a similar find of a full sheet.

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1869 COMMEMORATIVE STAMP FIRST ISSUED

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the files of the Library of Congress, some information which might lend further emphasis to the belief that they were commemorative stamps. We are now reminded by the issue of this new Railroad stamp to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railway system, that this 3c stamp of 1869 was issued just prior to this event. We can go back and imagine what must have been in the minds of the American Public, the American Congress and the Postmaster General at that period. Everyone was looking forward to the completion of this great railroad line which would connect the east and west coast of this America. It is highly probable that this 3c stamp along with the one, two and twelve cent values in the set was actually conceived and issued as commemoratives and that we should accept and consider them as such.

Further cause for this belief comes in a circular announcement from Omaha, Nebraska in which there was offered specially printed covers which bear an enlarged picture of the 3c stamp of 1869 printed in blue and with inscription suitable to the occasion.

This circular states: "The cachets, printed in pink and blue ink, bear an enlarged reproduction of the three-cent stamp that commemorated the driving of the Golden Spike in 1869. They were prepared by the Union Pacific Railroad as a part of the Anniversary Celebration."

What grounds there may be for the above statement, that this stamp was issued to commemorate that event, is unknown to us. If the parties responsible for the above statement have facts not known to Philatelists, we will have made a new discovery regarding the history of this issue.

We regret that the offer to supply these cacheted envelopes reached our office too late to print in the last issue which would have permitted some of our readers to obtain the covers. However we are attempting to obtain a substantial supply of these covers, which, if we are successful, will be offered our readers as a service from our paper, at a nominal charge.

Constellation Covers Were All For Charity, Red Cross To Benefit

Mr. Joseph Barkman of East Tawas, Michigan sends us a clipping from a newspaper which tries to explain by what means and for what purpose the special covers were carried on the Constellation flight.

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Just where a cover might be obtained or from whom, we have no idea. Doubtless this secret will be divulged through offers of the covers from some source at an early date.

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78	6.50	1.85	287	2.25	.66	432	1.10	.34	692	.70	.17	806	.12	.03	C8	.72	.18	.15	O18	.90	.30
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94	1.35	.15	295	.30	.02	437	4.25	.29	697	.96	.24	811	.24	.06	C16	.36	.09	.01	O23	1.50	1.10
96	8.50	2.25	296	1.35	.44	438	4.25	.13	698	2.00	.50	812	.24	.06	C17	.44	.11	.02	O24	1.55	1.35
97	9.00	2.25	297	1.50	.95	439	7.50	.40	699	1.60	.40	813	.28	.07	C18	12.00	2.95	2.65	O27	2.25	1.10
112	3.75	2.75	298	2.50	1.75	440	24.00	.70	700	2.00	.50	814	.36	.09	C19	.40	.10	.01	O28	2.20	1.10
113	2.20	.95	299	3.25	.98	441	.03	.05	701	4.20	1.10	815	.40	.10	C20	1.16	.29	.10	O35	1.55	1.15
114	1.40	.15	300	.14	.01	442	.50	.40	702	.12	.03	816	.44	.11	C21	.96	.24	.05	O36	.85	.80
115	9.00	2.50	301	.20	.01	443	.50	.22	703	.16	.04	817	.52	.13	C22	2.32	.58	.20	O37	.95	.35
116	8.75	2.50	302	.80	.20	444	1.95	.03	704	.08	.02	818	.56	.14	C23	.32	.08	.01	O38	.85	.38
117	7.75	2.65	303	.65	.03	446	5.50	2.00	705	.08	.02	819	.60	.15	C24	1.40	.35	.18	O40	1.60	1.40
134	6.00	1.95	304	.60	.03	447	.60	.60	706	.20	.05	820	.64	.16	C25	.28	.07	.01	O44	3.20	1.60
135	4.00	.90	305	.95	.15	448	.06	.10	707	.16	.04	821	.72	.18	C26	.48	.12	.02	O47	.45	.45
136	3.45	.20	306	.65	.07	449	.24	.18	708	.44	.11	822	.76	.19	C27	.72	.18	.13	O48	.55	.52
145	1.40	.25	307	1.35	.03	449a	22.00	1.50	709	.24	.06	823	.80	.20	C28	.96	.24	.09	O49	.12	.09
146	.70	.10	308	.80	.45	452	.05	.05	710	.36	.09	824	.84	.21	C29	1.40	.35	.16	O50	.30	.25
147	1.10	.02	309	2.85	.20	453	.08	.06	711	.56	.14	825	.92	.23	C30	2.32	.58	.35	O51	2.30	2.25
148	3.25	.50	310	7.50	.90	453a	2.50	.10	712	.40	.10	826	.92	.23	CE1	.72	.18		O52	.95	.90
149	4.75	2.25	311	21.50	2.25	453b	.36	.13	713	.52	.13	827	1.00	.25	CE2	.72	.18	.04	O53	1.60	1.50
150	5.25	1.00	314	.95	.80	456	6.50	2.90	714	.68	.17	828	1.04	.26	Scott's Cat. No.	Unusd. Single	Used Single		O54	1.45	1.25
151	8.25	1.60	319	.15	.01	457	.60	.58	715	.76	.19	829	1.16	.29	Special Delivery				O55	1.25	.90
152	6.75	1.95	320	1.65	1.50	458	.45	.45	716	.12	.03	830	1.20	.30	E1	2.65	1.35		O56	1.45	1.20
153	12.25	2.95	323	.50	.19	460	27.50	2.75	717	.12	.03	831	1.40	.35	E2	2.65	.16		O57	1.15	1.10
156	1.00	.05	324	.35	.08	462	.25	.05	718	.32	.08	832	1.40	.35	E3	.90	.50		O58	2.90	1.75
157	1.35	.18	325	2.75	2.25	463	.10	.02	719	.34	.08	833	1.40	.35	E4	4.75	1.05		O59	.85	.90
158	.60	.01	326	3.00	1.20	464	3.90	.75	720	.24	.06	834	1.40	.35	E5	.85	.06		O60	.90	.88
159	2.50	.25	327	4.75	1.85	465	1.25	.13	721	.10	.05	835	1.40	.35	E6	.85	.06		O61	1.65	1.60
160	6.90	2.60	328	.23	.16	466	1.65	.13	722	.12	.06	836	1.40	.35	E7	.75	.06		O62	1.35	1.25
161	3.50	.36	329	.33	.09	468	3.00	.33	723	.20	.05	837	1.40	.35	E8	1.45	1.35		O63	2.95	2.75
162	8.20	1.95	330	2.50	1.25	469	1.90	.45	724	.20	.05	838	1.40	.35	E9	1.35	.05		O64	1.80	1.75
163	16.50	2.25	331	.13	.01	470	1.85	.45	725	.24	.06	839	1.40	.35	E10	1.90	.07		O72	.70	.30
165	12.50																				